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Amendment

Dear Examiner Adams:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2000, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 3 and 6.

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Claim 1 (Amended): A reticle with support material of transparent, optically uniaxial
crystal, in which the principal axis of said crystal is substantially perpendicular to the
surface of said reticle.

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Claim 2 (Amended): A reticle based on MgF_2 as support material, in which the
principal axis of said MgF_2 is oriented substantially perpendicular to the surface of said
reticle.

Claim 4 (Amended): The reticle according to claim 1, further comprising a cooling
device.

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Claim 5 (Amended): The reticle according to claim 4, in which said cooling
device has a flowing fluid.